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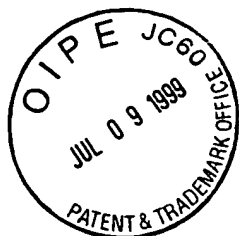
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Restriction Requirement and Second Preliminary Amendment with Exhibits A and B;
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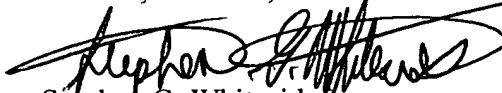
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Respectfully submitted,

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